GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF STATE

439. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are making any arrangements for a comprehensive Geological Survey of the State;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Government be pleased to inform the House as to the steps they have taken in the affair?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* (*a*) The question of the Geological Survey of the State will be taken up when funds permit.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer above.

MATERNITY LEAVE TAKEN BY LADY TEACHERS

440. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of lady teachers in the Government and Aided services who have taken maternity leave during the period commencing from the beginning of Edavam 1110, till the end of Edavam 1114 under the following heads and the approximate leave allowance with the money spent each year for the substitutes of such teachers during the years specified above—

(*i*) once within 3 years;
(*ii*) more than once within 3 years;
(*iii*) more than twice within 4 years;
(*iv*) more than thrice within 4 years?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Please see statements A, B and C appended. *(Appendix V)*

GRANT-IN-AID BILLS OF TEACHERS—DELAY IN PASSING

441. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when bills for the payment of salary of aided school teachers ordinarily reach the respective offices of the Senior Inspector of Schools;

(*b*) what is the date on which they are usually passed;

(*c*) what is the time usually taken by the office for passing these bills;

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(*d*) is it not a fact in several cases salary bills for the month of Thulam 1115 were passed only after the 10th of Vrischigam; how many such cases are there;

(*e*) what is the cause for the delay in each of the cases referred to in (*d*);

(*f*) will the Government place on the table, the salary bills of all the cases referred to in (*d*) and (*e*)?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Majority of the bills are usually received in the offices of the Inspecting Officers within the 1st week of the month. Some are received after the 1st week, but before the 10th, while there are a few managers who are habitually late in sending their bills.

(*b*) The bills are taken up to be passed immediately.

(*c*) The time required to pass the bills varies with each office as the nature of work allotted to the clerks attending to this work differs in each office. The number of clerks attending to this work in the 3 offices together is 5 and on an average a clerk cannot be expected to pass more than 8 bills a day, and that if he has no other work to attend to.

(*d*) No. It is seen that only 36 such bills were passed after 10th Vrischigam 1115 out of a total number of 437 bills passed by the Inspecting Officers in Vrischigam 1115.

(*e*) 19 bills were passed after 10th Vrischigam 1115 because these bills were received in the offices only after 10th Vrischigam 1115.

5 bills were passed after 10th Vrischigam 1115 because there were objections on them, which were satisfied only after 10th Vrischigam 1115.

12 bills were passed after 10th Vrischigam 1115 (even though they were received before 10th Vrischigam 1115 and had no objections to satisfy) and this is due to pressure of work. The statement shows that 9 out of these 12 bills were passed on 11th Vrischigam 1115 (10th Vrischigam 1115 being a holiday).

(*f*) A list showing the names of the schools, the dates of receipt of the bills in the offices and the dates on which the bills were passed is appended. *(Appendix VI).*

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